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SUBJECT: JULY 23 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. NYT AND PHINQ QUOTE SIHANOUK IN N. KOREA AS SAYING HE WOULD REJECT ANY SOLUTION PROPOSED BY US TO END CAMBODIAN WAR. NYT SAYS HE REFERRED TO ALLEGED PLANS TO BRING ABOUT A RECONCILIATION THROUGH A COALITION GOVERNMENT OR TO DIVIDE CAMBODIA THROUGH ON-THE-SPOT CEASEFIRE. WP STATES THAT SIHANOUK IN N. KOREA SPEECH PREDICTED THAT US WOULD LOSE IN CAMBODIA WITH UNPRECEDENTED LOSS OF FACE FOR NIXON, AND CLAIMS US BOMBING INCREASED 50 THIS MONTH OVER MAY AND JUNE.

2. SUN AND WP REPORT THAT 2 LONG TRUCK CONVOYS, ONE EACH FROM KOMPONG SOM AND BATTAMBANG, HAVE RESUPPLIED PP. SUN ALSO STATES THAT A RIVER CONVOY WITH FUEL ARRIVED LAST WEDNESDAY, AND CONVOYS BEING RUSHED THROUGH TO BUILD STOCKPILES IN CASE OF FURTHER ATTEMPTS TO ISOLATE CAPITAL. PHINQ QUOTES CAMBODIAN HIGH COMMAND THAT A RIVER CONVOY OF ONE FREIGHTER AND TANKERS ARRIVED SUNDAY AFTER RECEIVING SPORADIC FIRE ON MEKONG.

3. SUN SAYS THAT LON NOL DENIES REPORTS THAT SIRIK MATAK HAS BEEN NAMED TO REPLACE HIM

AS SUPREME COMMANDER OF ARMED FORCES.

4. USAF OBSERVATION PLANE CRASHES ON RUNWAY AT POCHENTONG, BUT PILOT WAS NOT INJURED ACCORDING TO US PACIFIC COMMAND (NYT).

5. NYT AND PHINQ REPORT HEAVY US BOMBING INCLUDING B-52S ON ALL SIDES AS CLOSE AS 0 MILES FROM PP, AND GUERRILLA ATTACK ON COLUMN OF APCS. BOTH SAY 500-LB BOMBS DROPPED WITHIN 100 YDS OF GOVERNMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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TROOPS DUG-IN AT PAGODA AT VAT SLENG ON HIGHWAY 3, 10 MILES SW OF PP. NYT GIVES GOVERNMENT CASUALTIES IN ATTACK ON APCS AS ONE KILLED AND TWO WOUNDED.

6. WP REPORTS THAT PATHET LAO RADIO ACCUSES US OF 7,000 VIOLATIONS OF 5-MONTH OLD CEASEFIRE.

7. NYT STATES THAT LA TIMES REPORTER JACQUES LESLIE HAS BEEN ORDERED TO LEAVE SVN WITHOUT AN EXPLANATION. LESLIE WAS FIRST U.S. CORRESPONDENT TO VISIT A VC VILLAGE AFTER CEASEFIRE AND WROTE ARTICLES ON CORRUPTION, POLITICAL PRISONERS, AND ALLEGED ARVN MISBEHAVIOR.

8. NYT AND PHINQ (UPI) REPORT AN ARVN-COMMUNIST BATTLE 7 MILES FROM KONTUM PROVINCE CAPITAL ON SATURDAY. COMMUNISTS CREPT WITHIN 400 YDS OF ARVN 23 DIV LINES AND FIRED B-40S. FIRING CONTINUED INTO NIGHT WITH 24 COMMUNIST AND NO ARVN CASUALTIES (NYT). IN ADDITION, MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS KILL 13 OVER WEEKEND IN SVN.

9. WP (AP) REPORTS WELL-KNOWN POLITICAL PRISONER TRAN NGOC CHAU, FORMER DEPUTY, MAYOR OF DA NANG AND PACIFICATION OFFICIAL, WILL BE RELEASED TO VC AT BIEN HOA WITH 900 OTHERS. CHAU'S 10-YEAR SENTENCE FOR HAVING ILLEGAL CONTACT WITH HIS VC BROTHER WAS OVERTURNED BY THE SVN SUPREME COURT IN OCT. 70 BUT HE WAS NOT RELEASED. GVN SAYS HIS CHOICE IS TO GO TO THE VC OR STAY IN JAIL. VC SAY HE WILL BE FREE TO LEAVE BUT IT WILL BE ICCS AFFAIR IF HE REFUSES TO JOIN VC AT EXCHANGE SITE.

1B. NYT (AP) SAYS CANADIAN ICCS CHIEF AT CAN THO ALLEGES PRISONER INTERROGATION REVEALS NVN INFILTRATION INTO CAMBODIA AND SVN AS LATE AS JUNE. DIARY OF DEAD NVA SOLDIER CORROBORATES PRISONER STORY.

11. WP (AP) REPORTS DISCLOSURE TO SEN. HUGHES' UNCLASSIFIED

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SASC OF FORMER AF PILOT GREVAN OF DIRECTING BOMBING VC HOSPITAL IN 1969. SAYS REPRIMANDED FOR IDENTIFYING TARGET AS HOSPITAL INSTEAD OF BUNKER COMPLEX OR SUPPLY AREA. USAF SPOKESMAN SAYS IF TRUE, INCIDENT VIOLATED GENEVA CONVENTION AND WAS CONTRARY TO REGULATIONS. GREVAN ALSO STATES HE HAS INFORMATION ON SECRET B-52 RAIDS IN EARLY 69.

12. OKA OF CSM INTERVIEWS ARVN MARINE SGT. IN QUANG TRI WHO SAYS THAT HE DOESN'T HATE THE VC SINCE THEY ARE VIETNAMESE AND HE IS NOW ENJOYING LONGEST PERIOD OF PEACE IN 2 YRS. SERVICE.

13. LIPPMAN (WP) DESCRIBES WAR IN CHONG THIEN, ONE OF LEAST-PACIFIED SVN PROVINCES. ARVN TRIES TO CONTEND WITH HEAVY CASUALTIES, CONTINUED INFILTRATION, DESERTIONS, LOW MORALE, LIMITED ARTILLERY AMMUNITION. CHONG THIEN HAS IMPORTANT NVA INFILTRATION ROUTES AND NO END TO FIGHTING IN SIGHT.

14. ISAACS IN SUN COMMENTS THAT TRUE PEACE IN INDOCHINA IS REMOTE. IN SVN, LOWER WARFARE LEVELS PREVAIL BUT HEAVY WEAPONS AND BOMBING PERSIST, ICCS PARALYZED AND NO PROGRESS TOWARD PERMANENT POLITICAL SETTLEMENT. IN LAOS, CEASEFIRE GENERALLY EFFECTIVE BUT NO COALITION

FORMED YET. IN CAMBODIA, NO CEASEFIRE, FANK LOSES
GROUND DESPITE HEAVY US BOMBING, GKR DEMORALIZED,
CORRUPT, INCOMPETENT AND WEAK AND MANY BELIEVE WILL
NOT LONG SURVIVE AUG. 15 BOMBING HALT. SENIOR US
DIPLOMATS GENERALLY EXPRESS OPTIMISTIC VIEW THAT,
WITH TIME, FIGHTING WILL DWINDLE AND COMPROMISES
EMERGE; CHINA AND USSR WILL CUT MILITARY ASSISTANCE
TO HANOI, AND POST-AUG 15 CAMBODIAN SETTLEMENT
WITH SIHANOUK PLAYING ROLE WILL DEVELOP. PESSIMISTIC
VIEW HELD BY THIEU AND SVN MILITARY IS THAT NVN
ADAMANT WITH IRRECONCILABLE VIEWS, PEACE IN CAMBODIA
WILL FREE NVN TO LAUNCH LATER OFFENSIVES. MAJOR
FACTOR IN PEACE PROSPECTS IS HANOI UNDER INCREASING
ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES AND PRESSURE FOR RESTRAINT
FROM CHINA AND USSR BUT IN BETTER LONG-TERM TERRITORIAL
POSITION AND WITH END OF US BOMBING IN SIGHT. JUDGING
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NVN MOTIVES AND INTENTIONS IS GREAT GUESSING-GAME
AND REMAINS MAJOR QUESTION OF PEACE.

15. SAFC WILL DECIDE THIS WEEK WHETHER TO HOLD
FULL INVESTIGATION INTO 1969 SECRET CAMBODIAN BOMBING
(UPI).

16. THIEU CALLS FOR ECONOMIC BLOCKADE OF VC
CONTROLLED AREAS OF SVN (REUTER).

17. INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY INTO ALLEGATIONS THAT
GVN OFFICIALS PROFITING FROM SALE OF BRASS MILITARY
SCRAP. STORY ON SCRAP SALES BY CORRUPT OFFICIALS
MIGHT HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN LA TIMES' LESLIE
BEING REFUSED VISA RENEWAL (REUTER).

JAPAN

18. WIDE COVERAGE IS GIVEN FRIDAY HIJACKING OF
JAL 747 OVER EUROPE BY JAPANESE AND PALESTINIAN
GUERRILLAS. SO FAR, DEMANDS ARE KNOWN TO INCLUDE
RELEASE OF JAPANESE TERRORIST OKAMOTO, IMPRISONED
IN ISRAEL FOR LYDDA AIRPORT SLAYINGS LAST YEAR.
JAL PRESIDENT ASADA ARRIVES AT DUBAI, SITE OF DOWNED
CRAFT, TELLS NEWS CONFERENCE HIJACKERS NOT DEMANDING
RANSOM (NYT, WP). SATO, JAPANESE DEPMIN OF TRANSPORT,
HAS LEFT TOKYO TO TAKE PART IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS
AND TO SUPERVISE RESCUE AND RELIEF ACTIVITIES.
SAYS HE IS WILLING TO BECOME HOSTAGE IN PLACE OF
PASSENGERS AND CREW (NYT, WP). AL FATAH AND POPULAR
FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF PALESTINE HAVE DENIED ANY
CONNECTION WITH HIJACKERS. DUBAI GOVT. SPOKESMAN
SAYS GUERRILLAS CLAIM TO BELONG TO ORGANIZATION
CALLED SONS OF THE OCCUPIED LAND, WHICH ORGANIZATION

IS UNKNOWN IN PALESTINE GUERRILLA QUARTERS (CHITRIB, NYT, WP). OBSERVERS SPECULATE HIJACKERS HAVE THREE CHOICES IF THEY LEAVE DUBAI: LAND IN ANOTHER ARAB STATE SUCH AS REPUBLIC OF SOUTH YEMEN; PROCEED TO JAPAN ITSELF TO PRESS THEIR DEMANDS; OR MAKE SUICIDE MISSION IN ISRAEL, EITHER LANDING AT LYDDA AIRPORT, UNCLASSIFIED

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OR CRASHING INTO SOME ISRAELI CITY OR OTHER TARGET (CSM, COOLEY).

19. SCHICKEDANZ (CHITRIB) QUOTES VP OF J. D. MARSHALL INTERNATIONAL, EXPORT SALES MANAGEMENT FIRM, THAT JAPANESE MARKET "IS A GOLD MINE -- THERE IS ALMOST NOTHING YOU CAN'T SELL". LARGE JAPANESE TRADING FIRMS HAVE REVERSED THEIR ATTITUDES AND ARE ACTIVELY SEEKING IMPORTS. CONSUMER GOODS HAVE BECOME CENTER OF ATTENTION, BUT US FIRM MUST TAILOR PRODUCT TO JAPANESE MARKET AND OFFER LOCAL FACILITIES AND SERVICING.

20. PEARLSTINE (WSJ, TOKYO) REPORTS PRESIDENT'S SOYBEAN EXPORT CONTROLS ARE STRAINING IMPORTANT

AGRICULTURAL RELATIONS WITH JAPAN, MAKING IT MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO FORCE OPEN DOORS TO ORANGE AND OTHER CROPS THAT AREN'T IN SHORT SUPPLY. CONTROLS WILL NOT INDUCE SERIOUS SHORTAGES IN JAPAN, BUT HAVE SERIOUSLY UPSET THE JAPANESE. CONTROLS SEEM AS DIRECT ATTACK AT WORST, AND AT BEST SERIOUS EMBARRASSMENT TO JAPANESE OFFICIALS WHO HAVE BEEN TRYING TO COOPERATE WITH US REQUESTS FOR MORE TRADE LIBERALIZATION. JAPANESE ESPECIALLY UPSET AT US DECISION TO CANCEL ALREADY NEGOTIATED CONTRACTS, AND BY ALLOCATION SCHEME THAT TREATS ALL COUNTRIES EQUALLY INSTEAD OF RECOGNIZING THAT JAPAN IS LONG-STANDING CUSTOMER MUCH OF WHOSE IMPORTS ARE DIRECTLY FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION. IMPLEMENTATION OF RESTRICTIONS HAS LED TO PRESSURE ON GOJ FOR SUBSIDIES TO MAKE JAPANESE AGRICULTURE MORE SELF-SUFFICIENT, AND TO DEMANDS THAT JAPAN PURCHASE MORE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AND RELY LESS HEAVILY ON US. ROGERS AND US TRADE AND AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS RECOGNIZE SERIOUSNESS OF JAPANESE CONCERN, AND ARGUE THAT EXPORT RESTRICTIONS ARE TEMPORARY, RESULTING FROM CROP FAILURE IN OTHER COUNTRIES RATHER THAN POOR HARVESTS IN US, AND THAT US REMAINS RELIABLE PRODUCER.

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21. OBERDORFER (WP) REPORTS FROM SEOUL THAT ROUND OF ARRESTS INDICATES TENSION BENEATH KOREA'S CALM SURFACE. MORE THAN 70 CIVILIANS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF SUBVERSION OR ESPIONAGE IN PAST 5 MONTHS. MANY IF NOT MOST SEEM TO BE DISSENTERS AND SOCIAL CRITICS, RATHER THAN SPIES. AMONG CIVILIANS, MOST NOTEWORTHY RECENT ARREST IS THAT OF REV. PAK JYONG KYU, A GRADUATE OF NY'S UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, AND ONE OF BEST KNOWN CHURCHMEN IN KOREA. SOURCES SAY PROTESTANT MINISTER ANGERED GOVT. BY HELPING SLUM-DWELLERS ORGANIZE THEIR PROTEST AGAINST CITY ORDERS TO LEAVE THEIR LAND WITHOUT COMPENSATION TO MAKE WAY FOR SUBWAY CONSTRUCTION. SEVERAL POWERFUL ARMY OFFICERS HAVE ALSO BEEN ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF CORRUPTION.

CHINA

22. TWENTY CHICAGO HS STUDENTS LEAVE TODAY FOR 15-DAY TOUR OF PRC. TOUR IS SPONSORED BY THE MODEL CITIES-CHICAGO COMMITTEE ON URBAN OPPORTUNITY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (CHITRIB).

23. MANY CHINESE NATIONALISTS WELCOME DENT'S VISIT TO TAIPEI TO ANNOUNCE CREATION OF AMERICAN TRADE CENTER, BUT WONDER WHAT IT SIGNIFIES FOR POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH US. THEY NOTE ROGERS AND DENT TRAVELLED TOGETHER TO TOKYO AND SEOUL, BUT ONLY LATTER WENT ON TO TAIPEI. SINCE NIXON ADMINISTRATION BEGAN ATTEMPTS TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH PRC, MANY HAVE BECOME EXTREMELY SENSITIVE TO ANY SIGNS OF CHANGE IN WASHINGTON'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS TAIPEI. MANY PRIVATE CITIZENS FEAR FORMATION OF TRADE CENTER IS PREPARATION FOR BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. GRC IS PLEASED WITH RAPID GROWTH IN TAIWAN-US TRADE, BOTH FOR BUSINESS REASONS AND IN HOPE THAT HEIGHTENED ECONOMIC TIES WILL CONTRIBUTE TO INDUCING US TO PRESERVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS (NYT).

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THAILAND

24. HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT SAYS MAJOR PART OF HEROIN FLOWING INTO US COMES FROM THAILAND, UNHAMPERED BY CORRUPT THAI OFFICIALS AND EAGER US ANTI-DRUG EFFORTS. STUDY, WRITTEN BY REP. WOLFF (D-NY), FINDS THAILAND IS CONDUIT FOR OPIUM AND HEROIN FROM "GOLDEN TRIANGLE" TO VIET NAM, HONG KONG, AND ULTIMATELY US, AND CONCLUDES THAT US EFFORTS TO GET THAI OFFICIALS TO COOPERATE IN HALTING

FLOW HAVE LARGELY FAILED (CSM).

25. INDONESIA

25. HAYWARD (CSM, JAKARTA) REPORTS ON THE INDONESIAN MILITARY, FINDS IT IS BEING UPGRADED, BUT SLOWLY. SALARIES HAVE BEEN RAISED 100 EACH YEAR FOR PAST 4 YEARS, AND SOME SAY OFFICERS ARE NOW LEADING TOO LUXURIOUS A LIFE. MILITARY RECEIVES 21 OF NATIONAL BUDGET, WHICH IS NOT ENOUGH FOR ITS NEEDS, BUT THEN AGAIN IT FACES NO EXTERNAL THREAT. INTERNAL THREATS ARE SUBSIDING, AND INDONESIA IS MAKING SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS IN ITS FORCE LEVELS. HOPE IS FOR SMALLER, MORE PROFESSIONAL MILITARY MACHINE. CURRENT EQUIPMENT IS HODGE-PODGE OF OLD AND NEW FROM MANY NATIONS; THERE IS LITTLE BUDGETARY PROVISION FOR NEW WEAPONS, BUT GOI IS IN MARKET FOR LIMITED QUANTITIES.

26. HAYWARD (CSM, SOROAKA) REPORTS ON INTERNATIONAL NICKEL COMPANY PLANS TO SPEND \$135 MILLION TO BUILD PLANT, COMMUNITY, ROADS, AND FUEL PIPELINE IN NEXT 3 YEARS IN THIS REMOTE PART OF SULAWESI (CELEBES)

ISLAND. REASON IS FABULOUSLY RICH NICKEL DEPOSITS SO CLOSE TO SURFACE THAT INCO WILL ONLY HAVE TO SCRAPE AWAY OVERBURDEN OF EARTH. INCO OFFICIALS CONFIRM PRESENCE OF 100 MILLION TONS OF COMMERCIAL QUALITY ORE. JAPAN HAS CONTRACTED TO TAKE ALL PRODUCTION FOR 15 YEARS.

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AUSTRALIA

27. WSJ REPORTS AUSTRALIA IS STUDYING "FRINGE BANKING" ACTIVITIES WITH EYE TO TRIMMING OPERATIONS OF FOREIGNERS. AUSSIE FEDERAL LAW IS STRICT ON TRADITIONAL BANKING OPERATIONS. FOREIGNERS HAVEN'T BEEN ALLOWED SINCE 1945 TO OPEN OFFICES. SO THEY, AND MANY AUSTRALIANS, HAVE MOVED INTO RETAIL CREDIT, AUTO FINANCING, SAVINGS AND LOAN INSTITUTIONS, MERCHANT BANKING, AND THE LIKE -- NONE OF WHICH FALLS INTO NARROW DEFINITIONS OF AUSTRALIAN BANKING LAWS.

28. THESE FRINGE BANKS HOLD ASSETS OF \$10 BILLION, AND FOREIGNERS HOLD GOOD PART OF THIS. ARGUING THAT IT CAN'T MANAGE NATIONAL ECONOMY PROPERLY WITHOUT CONTROL OF THESE "BANKS", GOI TREASURY IS DRAWING UP LEGISLATION TO GIVE IT POWER OVER THEM. WHILE LAW WILL HIT ALL FRINGE BANKING, FOREIGN INTERESTS SEE IT AS PART OF NATIONALISM WAVE THAT SO FAR HAS BEEN DIRECTED AT OVERSEAS OWNERSHIP OF INDUSTRY AND

MINING.

29. RYAN, RESEARCH MANAGER FOR ROTHMANS OF PALL MALL (AUST.) LTD, ANNOUNCES THAT JOINT RESEARCH PROGRAM WITH GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANIZATION, AND A TEXTILE FIRM, HAS RESULTED IN DEVELOPMENT OF A CIGARETTE FILTER MADE OF PURE WOOL. SUPPOSEDLY IS MORE EFFICIENT THAN PRESENT SYNTHETIC FIBER ONES, AND DOES NOT EFFECT THE TASTE. IS MORE EXPENSIVE ALSO, HOW MUCH SO DEPENDING ON WORLD WOOL PRICES (SUN).

30. BUOYANT MARKETS AND SHORTAGE OF AUSTRALIAN-BUILT VEHICLES HAS RESULTED IN RECORD IMPORTS OF FULLY-ASSEMBLED JAPANESE CARS DURING MAY. REPORTS FROM JAPAN INDICATE NISSAN AND TOYOTA ARE RECONSIDERING THEIR PLANS TO ESTABLISH CAR PLANTS IN AUSTRALIA FOLLOWING THIS WEEK'S CUT IN TARIFFS. THEY NOW MAY CONTINUE TO ASSEMBLE IN AUSTRALIA AND EXPORT MORE FULLY-BUILT VEHICLES FROM JAPAN (JOC).

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COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

31. NYT REFERS TO SASC INVESTIGATION INTO SECRET BOMBING RAIDS IN CAMBODIA BETWEEN MARCH 1969 AND MAY 1970 AS THE BEGINNING OF UNRAVELLING "ANOTHER SORDID TALE OF COVER-UP BY THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION." RECALLS THAT PENTAGON IN 1971 AND AGAIN LAST MONTH PROVIDED CONGRESS WITH REPORTS FALSELY INDICATING THAT NO SUCH BOMBINGS HAD EVER TAKEN PLACE. PRESIDENT HIMSELF CONTRIBUTED TO THE FALSIFIED RECORD WHEN HE REPORTED ON APRIL 30, 1970, ON THE EVE OF THE CAMBODIAN INVASION: "FOR FIVE YEARS, NEITHER THE UNITED STATES NOR SOUTH VIETNAM HAS MOVED AGAINST THESE ENEMY SANCTUARIES (INSIDE CAMBODIA) BECAUSE WE DID NOT WISH TO VIOLATE THE TERRITORY OF A NEUTRAL NATION."

32. ANTHONY LEWIS (NYT), IN LONDON, COMMENTS ON GEN. BROWN'S LETTER TO SASC WHICH SAYS IN PART: "I DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS CORRECT TO CHARACTERIZE REPORTS UNDER SPECIAL SECURITY PRECAUTIONS DIRECTED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY AS 'FALSE' SO LONG AS THE REPORTS MET IN EVERY DETAIL THE REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED. THEY WERE NOT INTENDED TO DECEIVE THOSE WITH A SECURITY 'NEED TO KNOW;...' SAYS TRANSLATION OF GENERAL'S "NEWSPEAK" IS: "SPECIAL SECURITY REPORTING" MEANS "LYING." REFERRING TO BROWN'S REMARK THAT THE FALSE REPORTS HAD NOT VIOLATED UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE, LEWIS ASKS: "IS GEN. BROWN'S MORAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL DOCTRINE WHAT THEY TEACH AT THE

AIR FORCE ACADEMY?" AS TO REASON WHY PENTAGON DOES NOT ADMIT THAT THE TESTIMONY ABOUT FALSIFYING BOMBING RECORDS IS CORRECT, CONTENTS WE HAVE A PRESIDENT NOW WHO SETS AN EXAMPLE OF DEFENSIVENESS, OBSESSION WITH SECRECY, AND INDIFFERENCE TO LAW.

33. STERNE (SUN) REPORTS MANSFIELD'S VIEW THAT US LEADERS HAVE SO CONSISTENTLY UNDERESTIMATED SIHANOUK THAT "IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE IN OUR OWN INTELLIGENCE." SAYS SENATOR NOW IS READY TO ASSERT PUBLICLY UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT HE IS PREPARED TO USE HIS GOOD OFFICES TO HELP BRING HAK AND THE PRINCE TOGETHER FOR PEACE DISCUSSIONS.

34. WSJ FEELS THAT SFRC'S REJECTION OF GODLEY AMOUNTED TO GIVING IN TO IMPULSES THAT IN ANOTHER AGE WERE LABELLED "MCCARTHYISM." REASON FOR SFRC'S ACTION, FULBRIGHT ADMITTED, WAS THAT THE CAREER FSO SHOWED TOO MUCH ENTHUSIASM FOR US MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN SEA WHEN HE SERVED AS AMBASSADOR TO LAOS.

BUT SINCE ENTHUSIASM CAN HARDLY BE QUANTIFIED, WHAT FULBRIGHT AND SFRC MAJORITY WERE REALLY OBJECTING TO WAS THAT GODLEY FAITHFULLY CARRIED OUT US POLICY IN LAOS. MCCARTHY MADE SIMILAR ARGUMENTS WHILE BROWBEATING CAREER FSOS, AND ACCORDING TO HIM, MAINLAND CHINA FELL TO THE COMMUNISTS BECAUSE OF TREASONOUS US FOREIGN POLICY; THEREFORE, OFFICIALS WHO FAITHFULLY CARRIED OUT THAT POLICY WERE GIVING AID AND COMFORT TO TREASON. NOW, ALMOST 20 YEARS LATER, QUESTION ARISES WHETHER FS CAN FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY UNDER THE CONCEPT OF LOYALTY IMPLIED BY SFRC'S VOTE AGAINST GODLEY.

35. WP REFERS TO TALKS ON THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF MICRONESIA, NOTING THAT THE MARIANAS SEEM EAGER TO REPLACE AMERICAN TRUSTEESHIP WITH "COMMONWEALTH" TIES TO THE US, WHILE THE CAROLINE AND MARSHALL ISLANDS HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN TALKS WITH WASHINGTON POINTING TO STATUS CALLED "FREE ASSOCIATION." REMARKS THAT AS TRUSTEE, US HAS A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO LEAVE MICRONESIANS IN SITUATION OF PROMISE AND DIGNITY, AND NO OBSOLETE CONCEPTION OF "STRATEGIC" VALUE OF MICRONESIA SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO STAND IN WAY OF FULFILLING THIS VEXING RESPONSIBILITY. WITH RESPECT TO MARIANAS, WP OBSERVES THAT THESE ISLANDS HAVE UNDERSTANDABLE INTEREST IN NEGOTIATING TERMS OF THEIR ENTRY INTO THE AMERICAN FAMILY. THEY CAN OFFER US SITES FOR ADDITIONAL POST-VN "FALLBACK" AIR AND NAVAL BASES, PRINCIPALLY IN TINIAN, ALTHOUGH IT IS FAR FROM CLEAR WHY THE MAJOR MILITARY

FACILITIES ALREADY EXISTING AT GUAM, BARELY 100
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MILES AWAY, WILL NOT DO FOR THE PENTAGON.

36. LAT'S PAUL HOUSTON (JULY 20) REPORTS COMMENTS
BY REP. PETTIS (R-CALIF), WHO RETURNED FROM HIS FIRST
TRIP TO CHINA IN 27 YEARS. PETTIS EXPRESSED
ASTONISHMENT THAT STARVATION, CRIME, DRUG ADDICTION,
PANDEMIC DISEASE - AND ROLLS-ROYCES - HAD DISAPPEARED.
SAYS CHINA HAS "COMPLETELY CLASSLESS, PURE COMMUNIST
SOCIETY," ADDING THAT DESPITE CHINESE PROPAGANDA
ABOUT "WAR-MONGERING" AMERICANS, "THE CHINESE TREATMENT
OF US WAS AMAZINGLY CORDIAL."

37. SUN'S PEPPER, IN SEOUL, COVERS SECRETARY'S
TWO-DAY TRIP IN SOUTH KOREA. OBSERVES THAT IN
PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND, ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS,
IN PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS AS WELL, ROGERS PUT

EMPHASIS ON PRESERVING US-ROK TIES IN SPITE OF
CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES AND INTENSIFIED RESTRICTIONS
ON FREE SPEECH THAT CAME IN WITH THE NEW CONSTITUTION.
CITES US OFFICIALS AS SAYING THAT THE BULK OF THE
SECRETARY'S TIME WAS TAKEN UP WITH DISCUSSIONS OF
DETENTE POLICY TOWARD NK, PARTICULARLY TACTICS TO
BE PURSUED AT THE UNGA. SOURCES INDICATED THAT ROGERS
DID DISCUSS SK DOMESTIC AFFAIRS WITH PARK AND PM
KIM JONG PIL, AND THAT HE SHOWED CONCERN ABOUT
CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES THAT GREATLY STRENGTHENED
THE POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND WEAKENED THOSE OF
THE LEGISLATURE AND JUDICIARY. NOTES THAT AT PRESS
CONFERENCE, ROGERS DECLINED TO DISCUSS KOREAN INTERNAL
POLITICS BECAUSE "WE'VE FOUND IT'S COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE,"
THUS CONFIRMING A TREND THAT HAS LONG BEEN IN THE
WORKS - LESS US INTERFERENCE IN S KOREAN DOMESTIC
POLITICS, AND MORE DEALINGS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS
AS EQUALLY SOVEREIGN STATES. CITES AS ANOTHER SIGN
OF CHANGED US-ROK RELATIONSHIPS, STATEMENT OF US
OFFICIALS THAT WASHINGTON MIGHT HAVE REASONS
OF ITS OWN FOR WANTING TO KEEP US TROOPS IN SK. NOTES
THAT WHILE ROGERS SAID NOTHING THAT COULD CONFLICT
WITH GENERAL IDEA OF US MILITARY WITHDRAWAL AFTER
COMPLETION OF KOREAN ARMED FORCES MODERNIZATION
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PROGRAM IN 1975, SOURCES SAID THAT THE FIVE-YEAR
\$2.5 BILLION PROGRAM HAS FALLEN BEHIND SCHEDULE
BECAUSE OF LAGGING CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT, AND THAT
IT MIGHT TAKE ANOTHER THREE TO FIVE YEARS TO

COMPLETE. OBSERVES ALSO THAT SOURCES NOW REFER TO US TROOPS IN KOREA AS PART OF A BROAD, REGIONAL FORCE, RATHER THAN AS FORCES STRICTLY ASSIGNED TO DEFEND SK AGAINST ATTACK FROM THE NORTH. ACCORDING TO ONE OFFICIAL, TROOPS SERVE "A CORE PURPOSE IN NORTH ASIA," MEANING THAT THEY HELP STABILIZE A BALANCE OF POWER AMONG CHINA, USSR, US AND JAPAN.

3 . CHITRIB'S MANAGING EDITOR MCCROHON RECENTLY RETURNED FROM THREE-WEEK VISIT TO HIS NATIVE AUSTRALIA. IN SECOND OF FOUR ARTICLES, HE DISCUSSES THE CULTURE OF NEW AUSTRALIA. FINDS THERE ARE VARIOUS KINDS OF AUSTRALIANS: THE RANCHERS AND FARMERS, THE PIONEER STOCK, WHO ARE A DECLINING FACTOR IN THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL STRUCTURE AND OCCUPY A LESS IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC STRUCTURE; THE NEW AUSTRALIANS FROM THE UK, ITALY, GREECE, POLAND, GERMANY, FINLAND, YUGOSLAVIA WHO CAME AFTER WWII. THE CULTURAL IMPRINT OF THE LATTER IS

STRONG; THEY HAVE NO SINGLE POLITICAL IDENTITY BUT PERHAPS THE SINGLE COMMON POLITICAL LEANING AMONG THEM IS A STRONG TENDENCY TOWARD REPUBLICANISM. OBSERVES THAT SINCE WHITLAM'S ALP TOOK OVER, AUSTRALIANS HAVE COME AWAKE WITH THEIR NEW SENSE OF NATIONAL PRIDE. ALL MANNER OF PEOPLE IN AND OUT OF AUSTRALIA HAVE SET ABOUT DISCOVERING AND DEFINING SOME NEW ELEMENT IN THE AUSTRALIAN CHARACTER. R
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